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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Correspondence dated March 2, 2006, please **do not** enter the Supplemental Amendment filed on September 16, 2005, and the Response to Non-Compliant Amendment filed on December 28, 2005. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows, in addition to the Amendment filed on June 21, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.